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SUBJ: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: TWENTY- FIVE PERCENT
CONTRIBUTION CEILING; NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP

REF: (A) STATE 74827, (B) 72877, (C) STATE 66738,
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SUMMARY: PAKISTAN IS PREPARED SUPPORT 25 PERCENT
ASSESSMENT CEILING IN WHO PROVIDED ASSESSMENTS LDOS
NOT INCREASED THEREBY. PAKISTAN HAS DECIDED SUPPORT
NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

1. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRGEN
FOR UN AFFAIRS, DR. M. A. BHATTY, APRIL 24 TO DISCUSS
TWO ISSUES THAT WILL BE RAISED IN FORTHCOMING 26 TH
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA: ESTABLISHMENT OF
25 PERCENT CONTRIBUTION CEILING FOR ANY ONE
MEMBER COUNTRY AND APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP
BY NORTH KOREA. (WE CONSIDERED SEPARATE APPROACHES
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ON THESE ISSUES AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL (C) BUT CONCLUDED THAT, SINCE BOTH WOULD BE MADE BY POL COUNSELOR TO BHATTY, SEPARATE BACK- TO- BACK APPROACHES WOULD BE IN- APPROPRIATE.)

2. ON CONTRIBUTION CEILING, POL COUNSELOR RECALLED GOP SUPPORT ON SAME PRINCIPLE IN UNGA, POINTED OUT THAT SAME RATIONALE WOULD APPLY IN BOTH INSTANCES, AND ASKED WHETHER WE COULD CONTINUE COUNT ON GOP SUPPORT FOR THIS ISSUE IN WHA. BHATTY NOTED THAT USG REPS HAD APPROACHED PAKISTANIS IN GENEVA RECENTLY ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID GOP RETAINED SAME ATTITUDE AS EXPRESSED IN ITS UN VOTE LAST FALL AND WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT 25 PERCENT CEILING SO LONG AS IT DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INCREASE IN WHO ASSESSMENTS FOR PAKISTAN OR OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. POL COUNSELOR BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED PARA 7 REF (B), POINTING OUT THAT USG WILLING TO ABSTAIN ON 1974 ASSESSMENTS IF CEILING APPROVED. BHATTY INDICATED PAK REPS AT GENEVA WOULD BE INSTRUCTED SUPPORT CEILING IF THEY COULD BE REASSURED ON THIS SCORE.

3. TURNING TO NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBER- SHIP, POL COUNSELOR REVIEWED ARGUMENT FOR POSTPONEMENT OUTLINED PARA 3 REF (D) AND ASKED FOR PAKISTAN SUPPORT ON ISSUE. BHATTY REPLIED THAT GOP FAVORED TALKS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND WOULD DO NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE THEM. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, PAKS HAD TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FACT THAT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION HAD BEEN EXTENDED NORTH KOREA AND THAT NORTH KOREANS WERE NATURALLY EXPECTING GOP SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. QUESTION FOR GOP WAS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE RIGHT NOW, HE ADDED BECAUSE PAKS WERE WORKING OUT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO OPEN MISSION IN PYONGYANG WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS. TAKING ALL FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION, BHATTY SAID, GOP HAD MADE FINAL DECISION TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION. POL COUNSELOR EXPRESSED REGRET AND IN- QUIRED WHETHER ANY PROSPECT REOPENING QUESTION. BHATTY SAID HE REGRETTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.
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